REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.
Claims 8-15 and 19-23 are allowed.
Claims 1-3,7,16 and 17 stand rejected.
Claims 4-6 and 18 are objected to, but would be allowable in independent form.
Claims 1,8,13,16,19,20,21,22 and 23 are independent claims.
Claim 4 is canceled.

Claims 1,5,16 and 18 are amended.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 8-15 and 19-23 are allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication. In addition, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 4-6 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have thus amended independent claims 1 and 16 herein to include language similar to that of allowable claim 4 which the Examiner agreed would render these claims allowable (see attached Interview Summary).

Thus, Applicants assert that amended claims 1 and 16 are in allowable form. In addition, all other rejected claims properly depend from independent claims 1 and 16 as amended. Thus, Applicants assert that all claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

A Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge any extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any other Request for Extension of Time is required but if it is, please accept this paragraph as an additional Request for Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any other fees are due regarding this amendment. If any other fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. The Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney should any issues remain.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Please find attached an Interview Summary of a telephonic interview held August 8, 2005 in regard to the above-captioned patent application.

Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On August 8, 2005, a telephonic interview was held between Applicants' representative Steven Santisi (Reg. No. 40,157) and Examiner Binh Quoc Nguyen in regard to Application Serial No. 10/015,994. Claims 1 and 16 were discussed. No prior art references were specifically discussed.

Agreement was reached that independent claims 1 and 16 would be allowable over the relied upon art if amended to recite that the scheduling queue has "at least two of the output ports assigned" (similar to dependent claim 4). No other matters or references were discussed.

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